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SUBJECT: RUMORED EMBARGO ON TRAMP STEAMERS

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NOTICE THAT ALL NIGERIAN PORTS CLOSED TO TRAMP STEAMERS AS REPORTED REFTEL ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY, CHIEF NKBANG TOLD EMBOFF THAT TRAMP STEAMERS (DEFINED AS ANY NON-CONFERENCE VESSEL) COULD STILL CALL AT CALABAR, WARRI, SAPELE, OR KOKO BUT THAT ALL MAJOR PORTS (I.E. APAPA, TIN CAN ISLAND AND PORT HARCOURT) ARE CLOSED TO THEM. AS REPORTED EARLIER, THIS IS A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL THE CURRENT QUEUE OF 90 SHIPS CAN BE CLEARED. NKBANG SPECULATED THAT THE BAN MIGHT ONLY LAST THROUGH JULY IF THE WEATHER WERE UNUSUALLY GOOD.

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